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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Three; during the last decade, namely :—
(i) Glue Factory, Madras,
(ii) Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor, and
(iii) The activities of the Government Industrial Institute, Madras, so far as they relate to the manufacture of fluid inks, ink powders and tablets.

(*c*) The experimental manufacture of glue was terminated because a market could not be found for the glue which would absorb a quantity adequate to render manufacture on a commercial scale possible. The Fruit Preserving Institute was closed because experience showed that the demand for jam and preserves within the area which it served or could ever hope to serve was quite insufficient to absorb an economic output. The commercial manufacture of fluid ink, ink powders and tablets has been discontinued owing to the limited demand for good quality ink and the difficulty of competing with small manufacturers of inferior products.

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(*d*) Glue Factory (loss on working)	37,078	11	0
Fruit Preserving Institute (loss on working)	80,459	10	6
Ink Factory (loss on working)	10,160	6	10

(*e*) The Glue Factory was started in October 1921, and was closed in July 1924.

The Fruit Preserving Institute was started in September 1921, and was closed in March 1926.

The Ink Factory was started in October 1919, and was closed in February 1929.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know why the Government failed to find a market for the glue manufactured ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"I cannot say, Sir."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"What attempts did the Government make to find a market ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"Notice."

Excise

Compensation to losses sustained with regard to excise revenue.

* 1791 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any and, if so, what compensation was given in each of the last twenty years to Indian States and French settlements in connexion with losses sustained by them with regard to their excise revenue ;

(*b*) how much for each ; and

(*c*) why such compensation was given ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Complete information is not available, but has been called for.

(*c*) The information will be found in paragraph 38 at page 25 of the Budget Memorandum, 1929-30.